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Letter dated 10 August 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 3 August 1993 addressed to you by His Excellency Major General Habyarimana Juvénal, President of the Rwandese Republic, which was handed to Mr. Vladimir Petrovsky, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the time of the signing of the Arusha Peace Agreement between the Government of the Rwandese Republic and the Rwandese Patriotic Front on 4 August 1993 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 23, 43, 44, 101 and 114 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chaste ABIMANA
First Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 3 August 1993 from the President of Rwanda addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to entrust to your Representative the Peace Agreement which, on behalf of the Rwandese Government and people, I have just signed with the President of the Rwandese Patriotic Front and which puts an end to a war that has engulfed Rwanda in horror for nearly three years.

I am pleased that my people can now find peace again and forge a new society open to all its daughters and sons. I am pleased in this context to look forward in the near future to the definitive settlement of the problem of all the Rwandese refugees throughout the world and the return of the many persons displaced by war to their lands, in all security.

The signature of the Peace Agreement of 4 August 1993 constitutes a major event for Rwanda and for our whole region. It prompts me to pay tribute to all, countries and personalities, who have been its architects. We shall never cease to be grateful to all of Rwanda's neighbours, most especially the Republic of Zaire, the mediator, and the United Republic of Tanzania, facilitator, the many friendly countries, including Belgium, France, the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as the international organizations, in particular the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the humanitarian assistance organizations, for all that they have done to ensure that the peace negotiations were successful and Rwanda received the assistance needed to survive this war until the Peace Agreement was concluded.

Today, on 4 August 1993, we have just turned a page in the history of our country. We are aware that it was necessary, but we are also convinced of the necessity of accompanying this Peace Agreement with an international guarantee, by providing all the safeguards and preventing any danger from blocking the message of peace carried by this Agreement.

I therefore take the liberty of addressing this letter to you, in order to reiterate my hope that you will reserve the advantage of extreme urgency for the request addressed to you jointly by the Rwandese Government and the Rwandese Patriotic Front on 11 June 1993 concerning the deployment of the neutral international force.

Now that the Peace Agreement has been signed, in the presence of the most highly placed personalities of our region and many friendly countries, in the presence of the Representatives of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, I should like to express the wish that the international community may guarantee strict respect for this Agreement by giving the former conflicting parties the proof that their respective security is ensured.

I am therefore grateful for all that you will do to ensure that our world Organization can take appropriate and prompt steps to ensure that the Peace Agreement signed this day between the Rwandese Government and the Rwandese

Patriotic Front is in no way disrupted but, on the contrary, strictly respected by all the parties.

I reiterate my best wishes and my appreciation for such steps as you may take for the rapid deployment of the neutral international force, with a view to the strictest respect for the Peace Agreement that has just been signed.

(Signed) Major General HABYARIMANA Juvénal
President of the Republic